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## ADOPTION AWARENESS BALLOON RELEASE

Family Builders of Catawba Valley recently held a balloon release to increase awareness of the need for more adoptive and foster parents. Twenty-eight helium-filled balloons each had the first name of a Catawba County child waiting for an adoptive family. As the name of each child was read, the person holding that balloon released it. At the end, 10 more balloons, representing additional waiting children from other areas, were also released. Annually, staff recommit themselves to find permanent homes for these children who need the love and care of a "forever family." To find out more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, contact Sybil Good at 828-465-8901 or email sgood@catawbacountync.gov.

